



ICMA Releases Brownfields Peer Exchange Report

The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Brownfields Peer Exchange program pairs experienced "mentor" communities with "protégé" communities that have requested assistance with specific aspects of brownfields cleanup and redevelopment.

Under the Peer Exchange program, ICMA conducts research on obstacles facing communities in redeveloping brownfields, identifies successful strategies and methods that communities have employed in overcoming those obstacles, and offers brownfields practitioners an opportunity to share their experiences with peers.

Partners in Planning: Strategies from the 2001 Brownfields Peer Exchange documents the topics addressed between mentor and protégé communities, and details ideas shared on how to address those topics. Two of the four peer exchanges in 2001 were in Indiana:

Camden, New Jersey, was matched as mentor to **Gary, Indiana**, to discuss community outreach, environmental justice, and job training.

Indianapolis, Indiana, was matched as a mentor to Concord, North Carolina, to discuss engaging the community and private sector in the brownfields redevelopment process, redeveloping brownfields as greenspace, and integrating brownfields into a city's overall planning and development strategy.

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